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## Flying Discs Sighted Again

Rome, Mar. 23.—Reports from Florence tonight said that seven "flying discs" were sighted at four a.m. yesterday morning flying over the town of Carate from the direction of the Adriatic.

The discs, the reports added, were travelling southwards and were accompanied by a "thunderous noise."

A Reuter correspondent travelling by train between Turin and Rome saw one of the missiles which compared with a comet with an over-lengthening tail.

The noise accompanying the disc, which was flying comparatively low, was sufficient to drown the noise of the train.—Reuter.

### DISC WITH LONG TAIL

Geneva, Mar. 23.—A large luminous ball was sighted yesterday afternoon streaking southwards across the sky over the village of Wülflingen, in northeastern Switzerland, the Swiss news agency reported today.

Later the inhabitants of Schwyz, in central Switzerland, reported seeing a luminous disc with a long tail passing overhead in a westerly direction.

A "flying saucer" scare began last July with reports of mysterious airborne objects hurtling across the sky from almost every state in the United States.

"Saucers" were later seen in Canada, Denmark, Sweden, France, Portugal, Austria and Italy.—Reuter.

## Bombay Curfew

Bombay, Mar. 23.—The police commissioner of Bombay on Tuesday ordered a curfew between 10 p.m. and 5.30 a.m. on Wednesday and Thursday in Bombay's Hindu sections where rioting against Hindu Mahasabhas occurred following the assassination of Mahatma Gandhi.

The Holi, the Hindu spring festival of the God of Love starts on Wednesday. The police have banned for 12 days the shouting of "obscene" slogans.—Associated Press.

### EDITORIAL

## We Don't Seek Privileges

LORD Listowel is not the first visitor since the early months of reconsecration to be impressed with the state of Hongkong, but his tributes and compliments, coming as they do from a Minister of State, provide not only a gentle stimulant to the Colony's ego, but an encouragement to strive even harder for greater achievements. It is observed that Listowel has studied sympathetically some of the problems, ambitions and inhibitions which contribute to the daily life of the community, and that he himself feels sufficiently informed to be able to speak on our behalf when he returns to London. Because it is the first time a Minister of State representing Colonial Affairs has come here to study the Colony first-hand, it is possible that Lord Listowel has been slightly overburdened with appeals and suggestions for improvement in a "good word" at the Colonial Office on behalf of the Colony's multifarious interests. We trust he will not leave us feeling that he has been imposed upon, or that our only interest in him has been to extract promises of assistance. We ask no special treatment from the Colonial Office, but we do feel justified in expecting fair and equal consideration in matters affecting administration and development. It is, for example, readily appreciated that the legal advisers at the Colonial Office are surrounded with important work which makes it difficult for them to rush through draft bills connected with the establishment of a Municipal Council. Never-

theless, Hongkong feels it has been somewhat shabbily treated when it goes that Singapore, who drafted her measures for constitutional reform months after Hongkong, have not only received from the Colonial Office approved draft bills, but have even concluded their first elections. This certainly does suggest that Hongkong's proposed legislation has been put at the bottom of the file and that it has had to forfeit a priority to which it was entitled. We again, strongly commend this subject to the attention of Lord Listowel with the hope that he will take it up vigorously with the Colonial Office when he returns to London. In the course of his broadcast last Saturday and his press conference on Monday, Lord Listowel made two happy observations. The first was his approval of a policy that would encourage development of the idea of a Hongkong citizenship. There is a fairly strong opinion on this question which Government could profitably stimulate. It is certainly a proposition deserving the consideration of Whitehall. The second welcome statement by Lord Listowel was his assurance that the subject of war damage compensation was well on the way to a decision. Hongkong will readily accept the Minister's explanation that this is a problem covering a wide and diverse territory and that it cannot be dealt with piecemeal. But here again, it can be emphasized, Hongkong expects no privileges. All it asks is that when the time comes for a settlement, the Colony will be treated fairly and equitably.

# JEWS REJECT TRUSTEESHIP

## Provisional Govt To Be Set Up ARABS BLOW UP JEWISH HOUSES

Tel-Aviv, Mar. 23.—The two main elective councils of the Jewish people on Tuesday night rejected Palestine trusteeship and said that a provisional government of a Jewish state would become operative by May 16.

In the meantime the Jewish Agency and Vaad Leumi announced "We will do our utmost to minimize the chaos created by the present government and we will maintain so far as lies within our power the public service neglected by it."—Associated Press.

### BLOWN TO PIECES

Jerusalem, Mar. 23.—Between 30 and 40 houses in the Jewish quarter of Jerusalem were blown to pieces on Tuesday night by an Arab driven lorry jammed with explosives.

An official version of the incident said: "Shortly after 6.24 p.m. under heavy covering fire from the Jaffa gate a military type vehicle was driven into the northwest corner of the Yemen Moshe over waste ground. An Arab jumped from the lorry and the vehicle ran down into the quarter and exploded. It is reported that 30 to 40 houses were destroyed completely. Jewish residents report 10 to 15 slightly injured."

Arab commandos stormed the heavily fortified Montefiore quarter of Jerusalem one hour after sunset on Tuesday night with bombs and machinegun fire, killing "several Jews."

A bitter battle involving British troops, Arabs and Jews broke out on Tuesday night in the Montefiore quarter where British troops were blown up, inflicting "heavy casualties."

The blast shattered windows and bullets splattered walls of the Asafieff Press office 300 yards away.

### OTHER INCIDENTS

One Arab was killed and one wounded when their truck was fired on by unknown persons near the Arab town of Hebron on Tuesday afternoon, according to an official source.

Six Arabs were wounded when a grenade exploded near the Damascus gate in Jerusalem. Police said the explosion is believed to have been caused accidentally.

Two Arabs were killed and a third missing when an Arab labourer's truck was ambushed and fired on by a party of armed Jews near Jaffa on Tuesday night.

Four Arabs were shot at and wounded by Jews South of Haifa, the police report adds.

North of Haifa a passenger train was derailed on Tuesday after part of the line was blown up by an explosion. The engine and five coaches were damaged but no casualties were reported.

A Jew was killed and three wounded in the Jaffa-Tel-Aviv borderland fighting in which Arabs used heavy weapons, an official source said.

After Arabs attacked the Jewish Hativnah quarter, Jews directed mortar fire at the nearby Arab Jabatiah quarter of Jaffa.

Three Arabs were reported hurt and six houses demolished.

Three more Arabs were wounded when a truck was fired on in the Tiberias area in Northeast Palestine, police said.—Associated Press.

### PALESTINE DEBATE

London, Mar. 23.—Despite the American withdrawal of support for the "partition of Palestine," the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, declared in the House of Commons tonight that "the Government has not changed its policy."

"It cannot change its policy because some other state makes a proposition. That same state has made a number of propositions in relation to Palestine."

"Neither does anything the Assembly of the United Nations may do to affect our coming out of Palestine."

Mr. Bevin was intervening in a debate on Palestine in the House of Commons in which the Colonial Secretary, Mr. Arthur Creech Jones, had emphasized that Britain would end the British mandate on May 15 and withdraw her troops by August 1.

Opposition Members had expressed dissatisfaction that no Government reaction had been given to the United States Government's decision to abandon the policy of partition and the suggestion of a trusteeship for Palestine.

Mr. Bevin added: "The British Government have said that while we will do all in our power to bring some settlement between Arabs and Jews, they will take no part in enforcing any decision on one party or the other."

"If other people would realize what any attempt at enforcement is going to mean. While further discussions are going on, we shall remain in a neutral position until we know what the actual proposals are."

"I do not know what the actual reaction of the Arabs or the Jews is going to be to the proposals. We will do all we can to promote harmony between these two causes."

### BRITAIN'S POSITION

Mr. Bevin declared that Britain had made up her mind "very strongly" that she could not be in the same position as the other members of the United Nations.

"While we have troops in Palestine and are involved as we have been, we do not occupy the same position as other member nations."

"After we are out and a new administration has taken over, another situation may arise, but I want to emphasize that we have got to be in a position to be out of Palestine, and that is the fundamental position of British policy."

We're still waiting  
For the rains,  
And until they come  
your duty is clear—  
**Don't Waste  
Any Water**

## DISARMING JAPAN

### Commission Reveals Its Measures

Washington, Mar. 23.—The 11-nation Far Eastern Commission today published its measures to disarm Japan. A formal policy decision, already submitted to General Douglas MacArthur, permits weapons only for the civil police and for licensed hunters.

It bans the manufacture of aircraft of any kind in Japan.

The new policy decision provides: 1.—The construction of any weapons or auxiliary craft, or the conversion of other vessels to military purposes, is prohibited.

2.—Seized military equipment from World War II should be destroyed or scrapped, except as needed by the occupation forces, the civil police, or for reparations.

3.—All records of military registration of former Japanese forces must be confiscated and transferred to the Allied Commander for subsequent destruction. No further records may be kept.

4.—All Japanese military organizations, including such as former officers' organizations, are outlawed.

5.—Military training and military instruction in schools is prohibited. The decision also bans the employment in public posts of former military officials of all kinds.

The Allied Commander may make exceptions in instances where records show that an individual opposed Japanese expansionism and totalitarianism.—Reuter.

## H.K.'s TIN ALLOCATION

### 75 Tons For First Half Of 1948

London, Mar. 23.—The Combined Tin Committee has allocated 13,940 further tons of tin to 22 nations for the first half of 1948.

Hongkong was allocated 75 tons. Together with amounts previously received by these countries for the six months period, the new allocations are expected to be all these nations' requirements until July.

The Ministry of Supply which made the announcement, said, however, "it may be possible for the Committee to make small additional allocations after a further review of the tin position in May."

### FROM UNITED KINGDOM

The new additional allocations follow: Canada 815 tons; Ceylon 15; Czechoslovakia 250; Denmark 120; Egypt 70; Finland 40; France 2,040; the United States-British zone of Germany 240.

India 1,050; Ireland 10; New Zealand 110; Norway 60; Pakistan 250; Poland 350; Sweden 300; Switzerland 135; Turkey 105; United States 7,050; Uruguay 35; Yugoslavia 120; other Latin America and Middle East 90.

Supplies will come from the United Kingdom on behalf of Malaya; Hongkong; China; Siam; and the United States for stocks of Japanese tin.

Small needs of some Latin American and Middle East countries may be met from British, Belgian, Dutch and United States sources.—Associated Press.

## Concession For Chinese Shipping

Shanghai, Mar. 24.—SCAP in Tokyo has formally authorized the China Merchants Steam Navigation Company to establish branch offices in Tokyo, Yokohama and Osaka, it was announced here.

According to Mr. Ito Shih-yuan, Assistant Manager of the Company, they are unlikely to make use of the authorization in the near future.—Reuter.

## Enticing Britain's Tourists

### NO COUPONS AND EXTRA PETROL

London, Mar. 23.—The Board of Trade President, Mr. Harold Wilson disclosed to Parliament today a plan to let foreign visitors spend their money for clothes in Britain without worrying about coupons.

They will also get extra petrol if they bring an automobile or buy a new one here to take home with them.

Both schemes become effective on May 1 and will operate for an undefined "experimental period" as a test to see whether they will draw more foreign tourists to the country and whether the tourists will help Britain's export drive by exchanging here.

### VOUCHER BOOKS

Mr. Wilson said "tourist voucher books" allowing visitors to make six ration free purchases of such articles as suits, dress lengths or shoes, if the tourist will present his foreign passport and convert enough of his own country's currency to equal £25.

"I am satisfied," Mr. Wilson said, "that overseas visitors will in this way be able to buy reasonable quantities of goods they want and that it will enable retail traders to make a contribution to the export drive."

The visitors will still have to pay purchase tax which ranges from 25 percent on most clothing, articles and up to 125 percent on highest grade fur coats.

If the six items are not enough the tourist may use the personal export scheme under which a tailor will sell a garment free of both coupons and purchase tax if it is to be sent straight out of the country without passing through the buyer's hands.

### PETROL FOR 1,000 MILES

A dozen clothing coupons—not quite half enough for a man's suit, but enough for some dresses or a pair of shoes—will be issued to all overseas Olympic competitors, officials and their families.

A tourist with an automobile may have enough petrol for 1,000 miles driving during the first month of his visit and 300 miles a month for the next two months.—Associated Press.

## Apology Made To Actress

London, Mar. 23.—Film actress Paulette Goddard and husband Burgess Meredith accepted an apology from the Sunday Pictorial newspaper today in full settlement of a libel action.

Frederick Mullally, the newspaper's columnist, said in an article on November 19 that Miss Goddard had bought antique furniture with money earned making a film in Britain and sent the goods to America for sale to get around exchange control regulations.

Miss Goddard and Meredith said that actually they were paid for their work in America with dollars and that the things they bought in England were purchased with dollars transmitted from the United States.

They did not ask for damages, Counsel for the newspaper said it withdrew its criticism and expresses sincere regret.—Associated Press.

## More British Military Police Moved Into Tense Trieste Area

Trieste, Mar. 23.—Fresh detachments of British military police have been moved into the tense frontier area of Trieste, it was announced officially on Tuesday night.

The disclosure was made by Maj. Gen. Terence Airey, chief civil officer of the Allied Military Government in a news conference.

He said: "I have moved more British military police into the frontier area in case there are 20 petitions of the Sept. 15 incidents." (In September the Yugoslavs tried to move forces into the American zone of the Trieste free territory).

"We are on the alert but I do not expect any attempt," he added, "of not believe the Yugoslavs will be silly enough to spoil their case in Trieste by trying it."



Here is Milton Reynolds' exploratory plane, with pilot Bill Odum (right) showing Frank A. Pieper (left) superintendent of flight operations at Aviation Maintenance Corporation, Van Nuys, California, where a wing tank developed a leak after arrival in China. With Odum when the plane returned for repairs was Lieut. Chao Chu (centre), navigator. Latest reports say that the plane is now on its way to China.—AP Wirephoto

## Full TUC Support For Wage Freezing

### REPORT ON ECONOMIC CRISIS

London, Mar. 23.—Warning that Britain's present situation was fraught with enormous possibilities of disaster, the General Council of the Trades Union Congress tonight came out in full support of the Government's voluntary wage freezing policy.

The warning was contained in an economic crisis report by the General Council to tomorrow's special conference of Trade Union executives representing nearly 8,000,000 organized workers.

After giving the facts and figures on the adverse trade and payments balance which is the key to the economic crisis, the report says: "Unless we can quickly close the gap between our external receipts and payments, or secure very quickly additional assistance from the United States, Britain may, by reason of the inevitable ultimate exhaustion of her resources and the consequent widespread dislocation of her exporting industries, come to be looked upon in many parts of the world as a country from whom it is impossible to buy and to whom it would be folly to sell."

### RESERVATIONS

The Council declared that the Government policy for wage freezing is acceptable to the trade unions with the qualification that the Government must:

(a) Recognise the necessity of retaining unimpaired the system of collective bargaining and free negotiation.

(b) Admit the justification for claims for increased wages where based on increased output.

(c) Permit the necessity of adjusting the wages of workers whose incomes are below a reasonable standard.

(d) Establish standards of wages and conditions in undermanned essential industries to attract sufficient manpower, and

(e) Recognise the need to safeguard wage differentials which are an essential element in the wages structure of many important industries and are required to sustain standards of craftsmanship, training and experience.

### TWO DANGERS

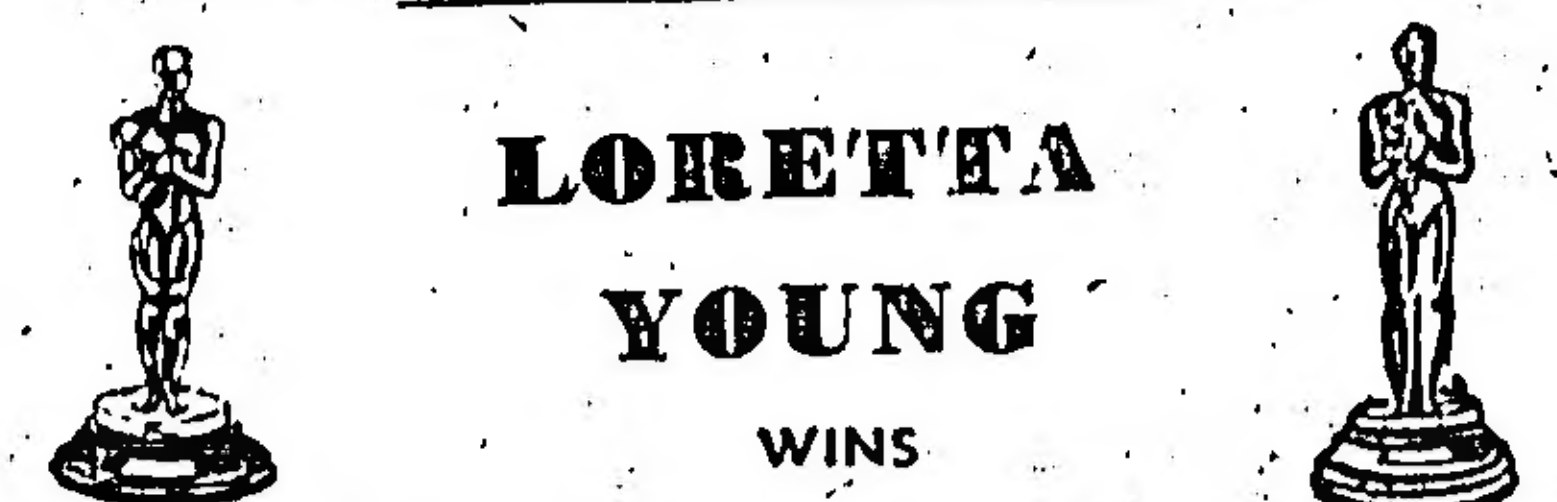
The report declares that cuts in imports of food and consumer goods by adding to excess of purchasing power might make it more difficult to maintain effective rationing and price control.

Cuts in the imports of raw materials and industrial equipment would cause widespread unemployment and dislocation.

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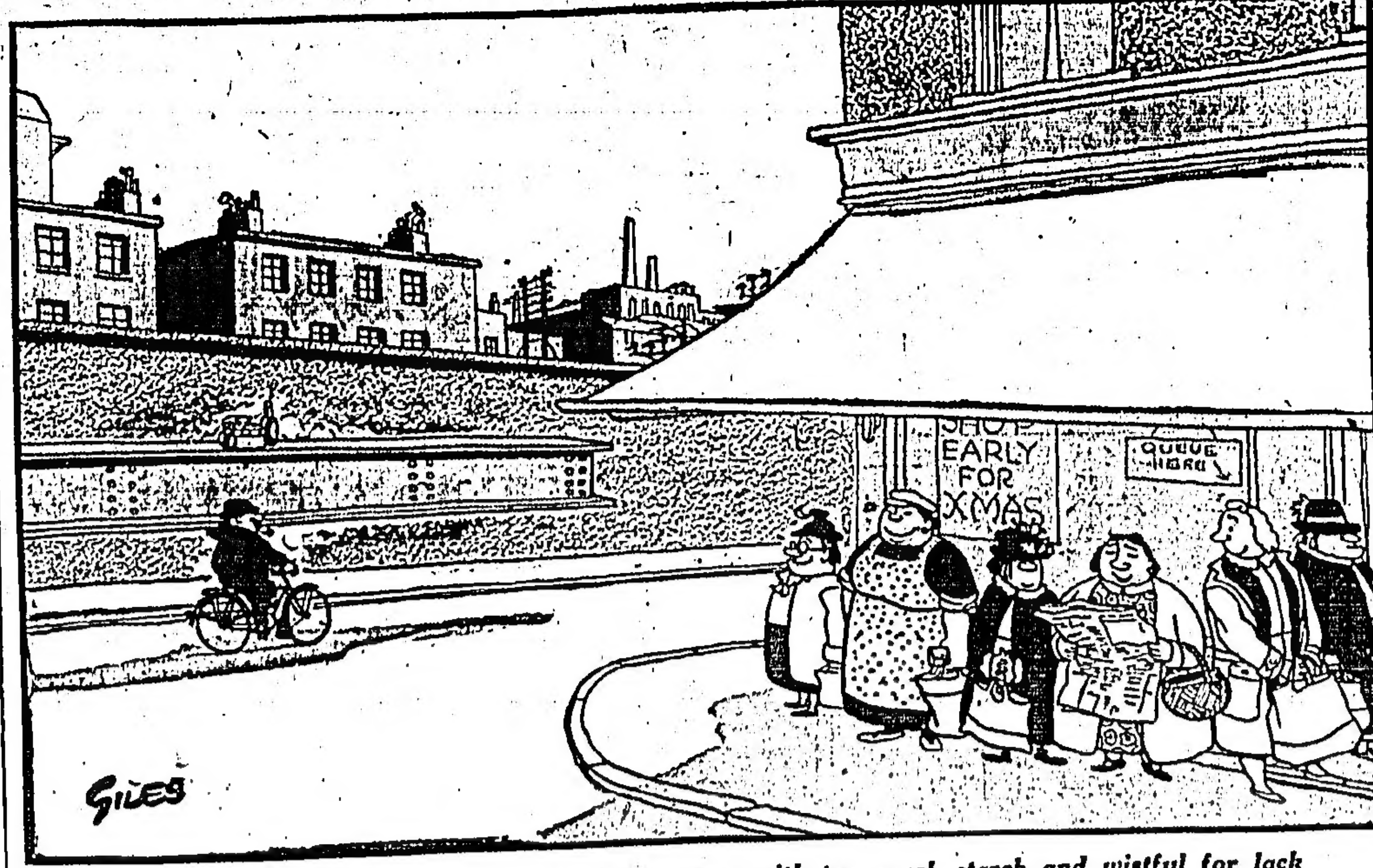
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Every Wednesday in the Telegraph:

# Sitting on the Fence

by NATHANIEL GUBBINS

DEAR Loretta Young, It seems a shame to have a crack at you after you have aroused the indignation of half the British Press because you are reported to have said, in an interview, that "we looked tired and drained of feeling," that "a business executive was patching the soles of his shoes with cardboard" and that "a shipping reporter was wearing a beard because he couldn't buy any razor blades."

For all I know you may have been misinformed. But you can't blame me for that. Like the late Will Rogers, I only know what I read in the papers.

First of all, I would like to say that the shipping reporter won't get sympathy from anybody. Most shipping reporters (in fact most reporters) look better when their faces are hidden by something, even if it is only a beard.

So far as I'm concerned, I think they would all look better in masks. Either journalism never attracts handsome men or journalism does something to them when they're young.

Moreover, I think somebody was being funny with you about the razor blades. I think it is more likely that the shipping reporter was trying to look literary. Was he wearing green corduroy trousers, too?

But you have shocked us all with this stuff about a business executive going around in shoes patched with cardboard. This really hurts.

There was a time, of course, when few people cared if the children of the poor went around with cardboard soles to their shoes, or, for that matter, no shoes at all.

Unless this business executive was another humorist, like the shipping reporter, it must mean one of three things.

1. The business executive has worn out his shoes before their time because he has no petrol allowance, can't get a taxi, and can't get on a bus. London bus drivers are now expert at driving past bus queues—so expert that some of them go about without any passengers at all.

2. He couldn't get into the coupon black market.

3. The Government must have allocated shoe leather to the children rather than to business executives.

This last explanation sounds so revolutionary that I hesitate to mention it. As everybody knows, a business executive must be properly dressed. Otherwise he gets no business.

I don't know how your business executives in America would react to a situation like this, Miss Young. They'd think we'd gone crazy, or sump'n.

In the hotel

So far as looking "tired and drained of feeling" is concerned, you're certainly right, if you're referring to guests in an expensive London hotel.

In fact, I've never seen them look any different at any time. I will go further and say they looked just like that in the smart hotels of Paris and New York before the war.

Nobody can stay in a smart hotel anywhere without looking tired and drained of feeling after the first few days.

Some of them have hangovers. Some of them are acquiring hangovers. Most of them dislike or distrust each other. All of them are bored and all of them who are paying bills are wondering how much money the head waiter will drain out of them before they can escape.

In London, of course, it's slightly worse, because the guests who have handed over their ration books are also wondering what has happened to their butter ration, cheese ration, and sugar ration.

They know they get their margarine ration all right. They can taste it. They may get part of their cheese ration if the head waiter has had something in advance.

Considering that the sugar ration is big enough for anybody but a polar bear or a swarm of wasps, it's a wonder why they get no more than one lump of sugar in their coffee.

They may be wrong, but they suspect that the chef, the head waiter, or somebody with absolute power in the hotel world is a thief, taking home what he can of their rations and selling the rest to the wide boys who can dispose of it.

Well, Miss Young, this naturally makes them feel sore at everybody, especially as they know that if they don't tip the man who has robbed them they'll get even less.

It explains why guests in smart London hotels may look a little more tired and a little more drained of feeling than they do

in New York. They are not only bored. They are starved of vitamins A and D (contained in butter). They have also lost whatever faith they had in human nature.

It may also explain why you didn't get a "bite of bluen." Maybe the chef's children were biting your bit.

But you mustn't judge England by the people you meet in smart hotels, Miss Young. Very few Englishmen work in them and very few Englishmen have enough money to live in them.

Invitation

WHY not stay with us next time you come over?

We live right on the sea front, not far from a coal mine. On certain days you can see the coast of France from our window; though I have never discovered the advantage of that.

But there would be some advantage in seeing some real people. As it is purely a mining community, you would see a cross-section of the British Isles, Englishmen, Welshmen, and Scotsmen.

Because nobody would dare to steal their rations, even if they got the chance, and because they are not living in stuffy rooms full of bibles, they look anything but tired and drained of feeling. You should see them on a Saturday night.

They don't wear cardboard soles on their shoes, though they may have done so when they were children. You can buy all the razor blades you want in any of the shops which sell them.

If you accept the offer, and bring your emergency ration card, you will at least get your rations. As I'm one of your admirers you can have my bacon ration as well, if you like.

And if you're still hungry it would be a pleasure to take you to the local hotel, which will treat you more fairly and with more genuine courtesy than I have ever found in smart London hotels.

Or you could come shopping with me. On most days we can buy plenty of fish. You must admit that we wouldn't starve on fish.

Although potatoes are rationed we can get enough vegetables. We could also buy fruit, either fresh or in cans—using up some of your points, of course.

After that we could go round to the grocer's and buy things off the ration like Canadian tomato juice, fish spreads and "minced fish fried in oil."

But I don't think you'd like that. I tried it once and certainly felt tired and drained of feeling. And sick, too.

If you stayed for the week-end and threw in your ration book with ours, we could have quite a nice little joint for Sunday dinner.

Lottie, the devil cat, would either have most of your portion or eat your portion to bits, but that would be better than having your rations stolen in London and wearing your nerves to bits.

And what about these factory girls who are fainting at their work? They certainly faint at their work at one time. They were sweated and worked in unhealthy factories.

Now, in a world short of food, they are better fed than many of them were in a world of plenty.

If they fainted it was probably because they heard the Government won't give way on the importation of American films.

BY THE WAY by Beachcomber

YOU have to go to a modern dictionary for a definition of the word allergic.

Its real meaning, already forgotten outside medical circles, is that having used the same treatment twice on a patient, you get a different reaction the second time from the one you got the first time. It is now used to mean a dislike of fish or ballet or anything else. As my dictionary puts it, "Antipathetic to (antipathetic to blondes, ballets or prunes)."

Iphigenia down twice

IN the foreground Orestes and Pylades, with Iphigenia, and the Chorus grouped round them. In the background, Ashura, with the plank, painted crimson, laid across his belly. At either end, waiting to mount, Kzibulah and Rizamughan. All three

are dressed in Greek costume, with fillets of ivy-leaves round their heads. At a word from Mr Velvetie the orchestra strikes up. The dance begins. Ashura is laughing so much with the plank shifts sideways, and catches one of the chorus a gentle tap on the hip. She stumbles forward into Orestes, who overbalances, dragging with him Pylades, whose legs trip Iphigenia and send her hurtling into the wall of "who are rescue, gets a slip in the face. He steps back, knocking Kzibulah sideways into Iphigenia, who again falls into the orchestra pit. Velvetie stops the rehearsal.

More fun at Wretch Manor

MEANWHILE, far away at Wretch Manor, a deputation from Wugwell's Circus was waiting on Mrs Wretch, to persuade her that the

three courteous Persians "we had the honour of meeting at your house" would be more at home in the Circus than in the ballet. The twelve red-bearded dwarfs arrived while the conversation was going on, and immediately rang the bell for tea. Colonel Wretch was emerging from his study when he heard Edgedale Edel shout "to the maid, 'Walters' Rissoles for eighty, please!" the sight of the Colonel, Frums Gillygottle roared, "May I have a bloater with my tea, Commandant?" Anasimo, was at the hat stand in the hall, abstracting rabbits from hats. As the Colonel entered the drawing-room, Moloney Tubbler-borat fired a toy pistol at him, and Scorpion de Rooftrouser, extracted from his mouth a string of flags. "This dance is ours," cried Guttergorn Guttergorn, encircling Mrs Wretch's waist.

FROM AMERICA:

## A NAVY IN MOTHBALLS

By C. V. R. Thompson

NEW YORK. NOW the U.S. is not satisfied with its navy—729 ships, including 19 battleships. It is "all in mothballs," Congressmen complained, and they estimated it would take 90 days for a first-class American fleet to put to sea. Congressman Harry Sheppard, a leading member of the Appropriations Committee, blamed it all on his "skinflint" colleagues. Because of cuts, he said, the navy has had to lay up ships it wanted to keep in operation. He has announced he will fight for more money for the navy. Said he: "I think it's foolish to pretence false economy on our national defence until things are more settled in the world, and UNO is in a position to handle anything that may arise internationally."

It is a safe bet now that Tories will be running the U.S. at least until 1950. A 1,000—1 outsider in the Presidential race, Wallace has proved strong enough in New York to make President Truman an outsider, too. To beat the Republican Tories, Truman must win New York. To do it, he relies on a political machine that has never been beaten. Bronx by-election Wallace beat that machine so soundly that its boss, Edward Flynn, will be sacked.

Wallace got his man in by (1) concentrated Communist support; (2) cleverly exploiting the Jews' anger with Truman over his hesitancy in helping the Palestine Zionists.

In the real fight next November there will not be enough Communists of Jews in New York to win Wallace this vital city. But his success in the Bronx proved to him and the Tories' satisfaction that there are enough to cut into Truman's votes.

A ONE-WOMAN battle against the MacArthur for President movement is being fought by the general's first wife, Mrs. Alf Helberg. Every week she gives the Press a new wisecrack against her ex-husband. Latest—If he is a presidential dark horse, he is in the last round-up.

ARNOLD TOYNBEE, the British professor, whose profound "Study of History" may outsell "Gone with the Wind" in the U.S., arrived to lecture to Americans about history.

NEW YORK'S Empire State Building is to lose its title—the world's highest man-made structure. The new candidate is a radio tower being built in Des Moines, Iowa, which will be 1,530 feet high, 280 feet more than the 100-story Empire State.

A \$4,000 PRIZE to the scientist who develops the best defence against the atom bomb was withdrawn by the man who offered it, Charles Kettering, inventor. Someone, Kettering would not say who, told him to drop his plan, Reason: A successful defence would destroy the bomb's diplomatic value.

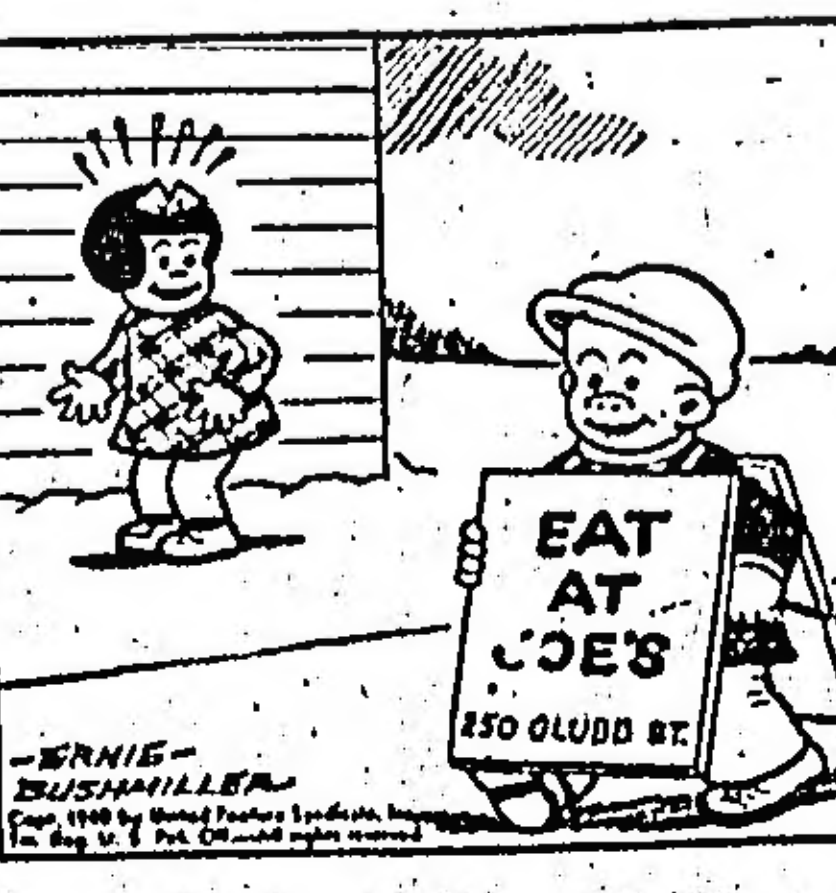
AMERICAN SLANG, expressive as it is, can sometimes cause trouble. Take the case of Sidney Zlotnick, a Washington furrier. He advertised fur coats for sale for 49¢ "potatoes" along for dollars. A G. I. bought two bushels of potatoes, took them to Zlotnick and demanded a fur coat for his wife. He got it.

AFTER taking a look at UNO, Earl Lloyd George, now lecturing in America, said: "I cannot help feeling that God never meant the Tower of Babel to be a success."

A NEW LOOK for British goods is being designed by a U.S. industrial architect, Raymond Loewy, famed among other things for his desert home, which has a swimming-pool in the middle of the sitting-room. Loewy is concentrating on British cooking, gloves, plumbing, and business machines.

CONGRESS'S COMMITTEE which keeps hunting for Communists is threatening to look into the greeting card industry. The reason: It has found a Valentine with the traditional heart surrounded by children's alphabetical blocks, the letters of which spell "Lenin."

NANCY Silent Partner



By Ernie Bushmiller



SOLE AGENTS NAN KANG CO. WING LUG HA



## Women BEAUTY ARTS

This Space Every Day  
By LOIS LEEDS



Here are some very helpful hints.

### "DEAR LOIS LEEDS"

"Dear Lois Leeds—My hair is red but I really have a tan complexion. What colour in makeup should I choose? I have grey-green eyes.—G. R."

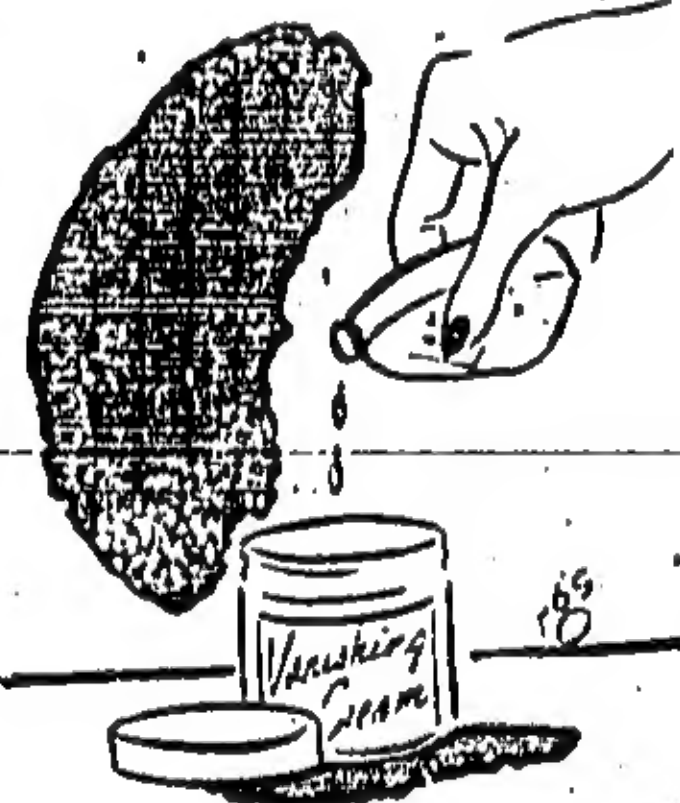
Choose face powder to match your skin tone but be sure that it has no red or pink cast. Choose a lipstick and rouge made for Redheads. The rich Red-Brown shades are what you should use. Shop until you find just what you want.

"Dear Lois Leeds—My arms have bumps on them. They are rough and red. What can I do? FARM GIRL."

You have been neglecting your arms. Make rich suds with a white soap and hot water. Use a stiff brush and scrub and scrub. Rinse well and apply a good hand lotion. Get a good dose of sun on your arms and you will see results.

"Dear Lois Leeds—I have been bleaching my hair. It's now a brassy gold. In the sun it looks awful! I want to let it go back to its natural brown. How?—S. M. T."

### Mint Makeup by GABRIELLI



Dry skin absorbs oil as a plant absorbs water. Pat on a foundation cream, use a cream rouge. Face powder should be patted on generously, then brush off the surplus. Your dry skin will take on a "velvet" finish. And use a pomade under your lipstick.

Apply hot oil to your scalp. Leave it on overnight. Shampoo thoroughly, add bluing (for hair) to the last rinse. This will tone down your "brassy tone." Then make up your mind—no more bleaching! And change your makeup as your hair goes back to normal!

"Dear Lois Leeds—Would a luggage-tan suit go well with Navy blue accessories?—TERRY."

Yes, and very smart too. Select a new lipstick, a Yellow-Brownish Red to go with the Luggage-Tan suit and Blue eyeshadow for the Blue.

### Hollywood Cream Puffs

If you think there's nothing new under the sun, especially when it comes to food, then you should take a look in Deanna Durbins' kitchen. The youthful singing star, when she gets time off between work on Universal-International's "Something in the Wind" likes to try her hand at concocting delectable and buttery cream puffs are her latest specialty.

They're made, advises Deanna, by putting 1/2 cup of hot water and 1/2 cup of butter in a small saucepan and heating it to the boiling point. When boiling stir in, all at once, 1/2 cup of flour. Continue stirring until a thick mixture is formed that leaves the sides of the pan and sticks to the spoon.

Remove this from the fire, cool slightly and then beat in two eggs, one at a time. When the mixture is smooth and velvety, drop from a teaspoon in piles on a greased baking sheet. Bake in a hot oven 25 minutes, or until the cream puffs are light, well puffed, crisp and golden brown. Remove from the oven and cool.

For the filling, beat 2 eggs and mix with 1/2 cup brown sugar and 2 tablespoons cornstarch. Scald 1 1/2 cups of milk and add it to the egg mixture stirring all the time. Put in a saucepan and stir over a slow fire until very thick and boiling. Then add 1/4 teaspoon salt and 1/2 teaspoon vanilla.

Put this creamy mixture, when cooled, inside the cream puffs and you will have a real taste treat, claims Deanna.

## PEASANT TO DICTATOR



### Czechoslovakia's Copy Of Joseph Stalin

Klement Gottwald, who has emerged as middle Europe's newest dictator, is a veteran of a quarter century of the Communist struggle for power.

Czechoslovakia's premier, now 51, sometimes is referred to as the nation's own copy of Russia's Joseph Stalin. He has been a tested servant of the Moscow line and one of the elite of Europe's Communist leaders. Gottwald was one of the 10 top ranking Communists who signed the 1943 declaration dissolving the Comintern (Communist International). His name was first on the list.

Among the other signers were Georgi Dimitroff, now in complete control of Bulgaria; Maurice Thorez, militant Communist leader in France; Otto Kussinen of Finland; and Andrei Zhdanov, who last year was to sign the Poland declaration setting up the Cominform, successor to the Comintern.

Gottwald, a calm, deliberate man who bears some resemblance to Stalin, became premier of Czechoslovakia after the Communist triumph in first postwar election. The Communists became the dominant party by capturing 38 percent of the seats in parliament. As chairman of the party and a vice premier, Gottwald was asked by President Eduard Benes to form a government. He achieved a coalition cabinet representing seven parties in July, 1946.

#### Rejected Marshall Plan

A year later Czechoslovakia was invited to participate in the Marshall Plan talks in Paris and accepted the invitation. But Gottwald was summoned with other high-ranking members of his government to Moscow. From Moscow he announced Czechoslovakia would reverse herself and reject the Marshall Plan invitation.

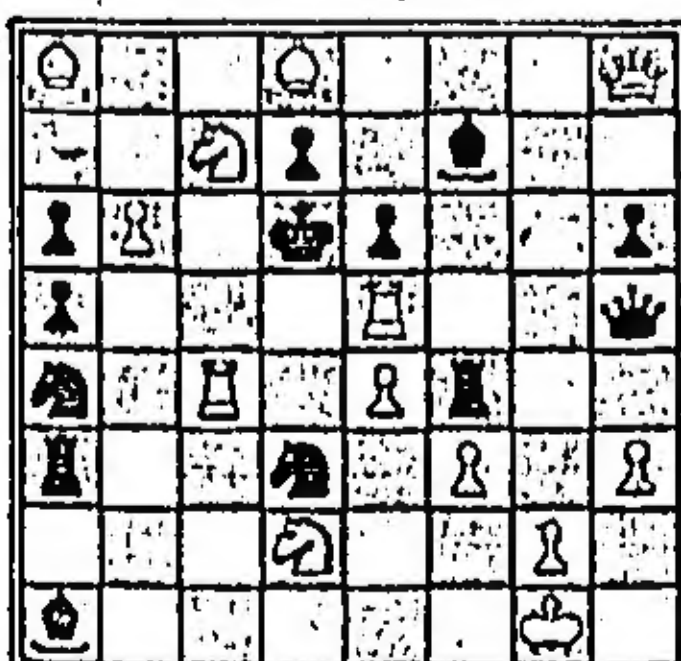
### SOCRATES TRIAL REVISION

Italian cultural circles have been stirred by a thesis submitted to the Palermo University by a student of the Faculty of Law, which is a clever investigation of the trial of Socrates in 399 B.C., and holds the legal process to have been a miscarriage of justice. The thesis is based on the purely juridical arguments of the case and the juridical institution of the period, and holds that the sentence is formally and substantially a miscarriage of justice which should be corrected with a reversal of the judgment.

The student said that as soon as he is graduated, he hopes to go to Athens to confer with lawyer Alexander Parapoulos, who 20 years ago tried to procure a revision of Socrates' trial, in order to submit to the Supreme Court in Greece a new petition for the revision.

### CHESS PROBLEM

By P. H. BARRON  
Black, 13 pieces



White, 13 pieces.  
White to play and mate in two.  
Solution to yesterday's problem:

1. Kt x QP. 1... P x Kt (Kt4) (d4 ch); 2. Kt-Kt5; 1... P x Kt (Q4) (d4 ch); 2. Kt-Q5; 1... B-K2; 2. Kt x KP; 1... B-Q2; 2. Kt x RP; 1... P-R6; 2. Kt-Kt5; 1... P-K5; 2. Kt-B3.

### McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

Planning The Play Makes 3 N. T. Safe

By WILLIAM E. MCKENNEY

A BUSINESSMAN plans his work for some time ahead. A woman who does not plan her work in advance will run into difficulties. But there are some people who sit down to play bridge and just play hands blindly with no plan at all.

The problem confronting the declarer in today's hand is, where should the first diamond trick be won, in dummy with the ace or in declarer's hand with the king?

The first thing for declarer to do is count his tricks. He has two diamond tricks, and if the heart finesse fails he still has four heart tricks. These, with the ace of clubs and ace of spades, make eight tricks. So he must make another spade trick to make his contract. As West bid diamonds, in all probability he has five, but certainly at least four. The correct procedure, therefore, is for declarer to win the first trick

### Check Your Knowledge

1. Name a well-known person in history who was stabbed to death in his bath.
2. How does the katydid produce its song?
3. Name the British Ambassador to Germany at the time of the outbreak of World War II.
4. Name the capital of Libya.
5. What were the family names of Romeo and Juliet in Shakespeare's play of that name.
6. When was the first telephone exchange established?

(Answers on Page 4)

### DUMB BELLS

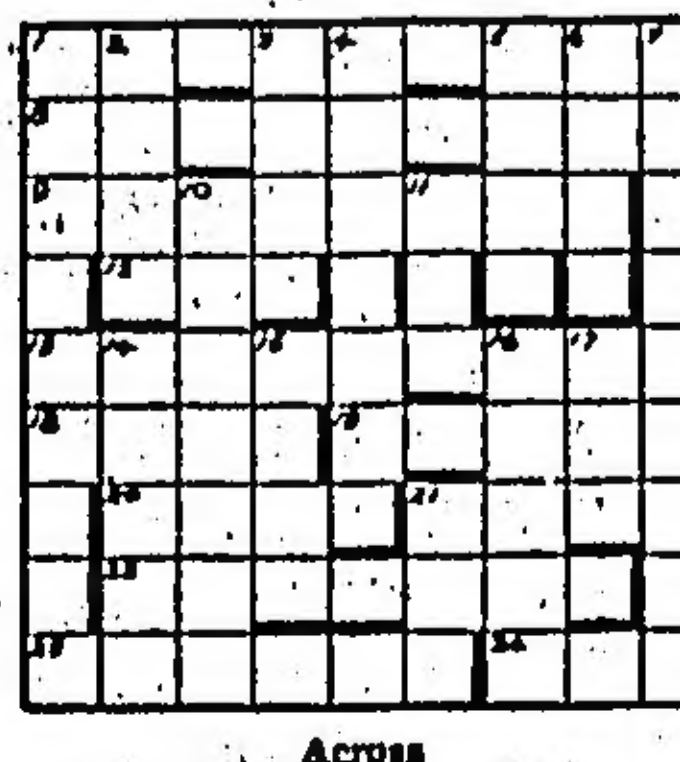


### Rupert's Silver Trumpet—34



Rupert gets very worried. "If this parcel's my present it may not be much good when it hits the ground," he says. "It'll get smashed up." Then to his delight the parcel seems to change shape, a parachute opens out and it floats down gently. "What a topping idea," cries Rupert. "Now it can't come to any harm." The wind's carrying it away," says Rupert. "Come on, let's see where it lands." And they all three set off in pursuit. ALL RIGHTS RESERVED.

### CROSSWORD



1. Sounds like chemise manufacture. (9)  
2. Suitable noun de guerre for a soldier. (9)  
3. "Sweet mercy" to the gates of Heaven. (9)  
4. This is lead, his sins forgiven. (9)  
5. Wordworth. (9)  
6. French term. (9)  
7. Put back the art in tea. (9)

10. Voice. (4)  
11. Almost the finish. (5)  
12. Nautical expression. (4)  
13. Found in English mine. (4)  
14. Sounds as if the little nigger boys are on parade. (7)  
15. Blow up! (5)  
16. This verse is the opposite. (8)  
17. Down  
1. Notes. (9)  
2. Straight line between poles. (4)  
3. The lady formerly lived, however, in a castle. (7)  
4. Same as 21 Across. (4)  
5. It takes a smart down to make this. (9)  
6. 3rd in lower. (7)  
7. A ship's line. (5)  
8. Ecclesiastical. (9)  
9. After this is the time for tea. (4)  
10. Frank. (5)  
11. Paston. (5)  
12. This verse is divided against itself. (8)  
13. Solution of yesterday's puzzle—Across  
1. Triumph. (9)  
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